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## SELF RELIANCE.

There are young men and women on the way to greatness and usefulness, but they find it a way beset with difficulties and obstacles that can be surmounted only by those who are desperately in earnest. They need not be discouraged because for them the way to success leads through trials, difficulties, self-denial, deprivations and tribulation. So it has ever been. These are but the stepping stones to true greatness and success and he who bravely mounts them will be the better for it. Success attained without effort is no success at all. The young man who has not within himself the heart and element of perseverance to *climb* the ladder, had better remain at the bottom round, for unless he is in possession of those qualities which *make* for success—the elements of manhood, which urge him onward and upward in defiance of all difficulties, unless he possess these qualities or elements, he is unfit for the coveted prize, even tho he should attain it. To *carry* a man to the top round of the ladder will avail nothing; he must climb. If a man were taken from the darkness of heathen Africa, and put into your parlor or library with its beautiful and suggestive pictures on the walls, useful books on the shelves, and piano in the corner—could he utilize these? He would be a heathen still and would feel as though he were in prison. It is just as useless to put success into a man's hand, who is not willing to strive for it, and who does not possess the elements necessary to attain it. He who does not have the qualities that will *win* success, does not possess the qualifications necessary to *use* success successfully when won *for* him. It is safe to say therefore, that one who does not possess that element of perseverance which wins success, is unworthy of success. The loafer about the street corners, cutting holes into store boxes with a pen knife, or wearing his life away cursing the man who has made a success of life, will not attain to any degree of greatness

nor indeed would he be worthy of it if he could attain success. As certain as the Christ-life in man is necessary to make heaven really heavenly, so are the elements that lead to success as important as success itself.

## THE OTHER SIDE.

On another page will be found a communication from brother J. C. Cassel, under the above caption, in which he takes exception to our editorial on the "Evangelist and Missions" in last week's paper. We gave it as our opinion that the shortest route to India is through a well established College and Publishing House. We are still of the same opinion. Brother Cassel thinks that if the members of the Brethren Church were thoroughly aroused to a sense of their duty and responsibility, if they knew the real condition of the heathen and their need of a Savior, it would be comparatively easy to get both money and missionaries for the foreign field. Exactly so. If people could be made to see their duty and do it, all the enterprises of the church would prosper. If at this moment we had the power to convince the church of its *need* of a good College and flourishing Publishing House, then the question of support would be solved. But if a people cannot be sufficiently interested to support home institutions, are they likely to support foreign work? And the fact, if such it is, that our efforts during the last twelve years, have been a partial failure in this direction, is that a reason why we should abandon the effort? If the Brethren Church can carry on foreign mission work without a School or Publishing House, then it can do more than any other church has thus far been able to do. But the Publishing House has not been a failure, neither indeed has the College. Both have proven, and will prove, again their power for good, if the brethren will stand by them as they should.

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## CALL TO THANKSGIVING.

*It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High:*

Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for *he is good*: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

Praise ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with *my* whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and *in* the congregation.

What shall I render unto the Lord *for* all his benefits toward me?

I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people

For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord *endureth* for ever. Praise ye the Lord.

O give thanks unto the Lord; for *he is good*: because his mercy *endureth* for ever.

The Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, *wherewith* he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

For the Lord *is* a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand *are* the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills *is* his also.

The sea *is* his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry *land*.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

For *he is* our God; and we *are* the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

O sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the earth,